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SUBJECT: MILCON IN ICELAND

1. SINCE FY 1972 THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRAINT TO JUSTIFY ALL MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN ICELAND. THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES REPORT OF THAT YEAR STATED THAT IT "WOULD BE OPPOSED TO FUNDING OF THESE PROJECTS UNLESS THE US IS ASSURED THAT IT WILL NOT BE ASKED TO ABANDON ICELAND IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE." REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF TENURE WAS GIVEN IN FY 72 AND FY 73.

2. HOWEVER, CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PRESENT COALITION GOVERNMENT APPEAR BENT, AS YOU KNOW, ON TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF
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US FORCES FROM ICELAND AND HAVE FORCED ARTICLE VII INVOCA-

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TION AND REVIEW OF THE US-ICELAND DEFENSE AGREEMENT. AS A RESULT, THE PROSPECTS FOR BASE TENURE ARE NOW CONSIDERABLY DIMMED. UNTIL THE BASE STATUS IS CLEAR, IT WOULD APPEAR APPROPRIATE TO DEFER ALL FY 73 AND FY 74 CONSTRUCTION CONTAINED IN THE AIR FORCE AND NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET.

3. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST.

4. THIS MESSAGE PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH DOD. RUSH

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